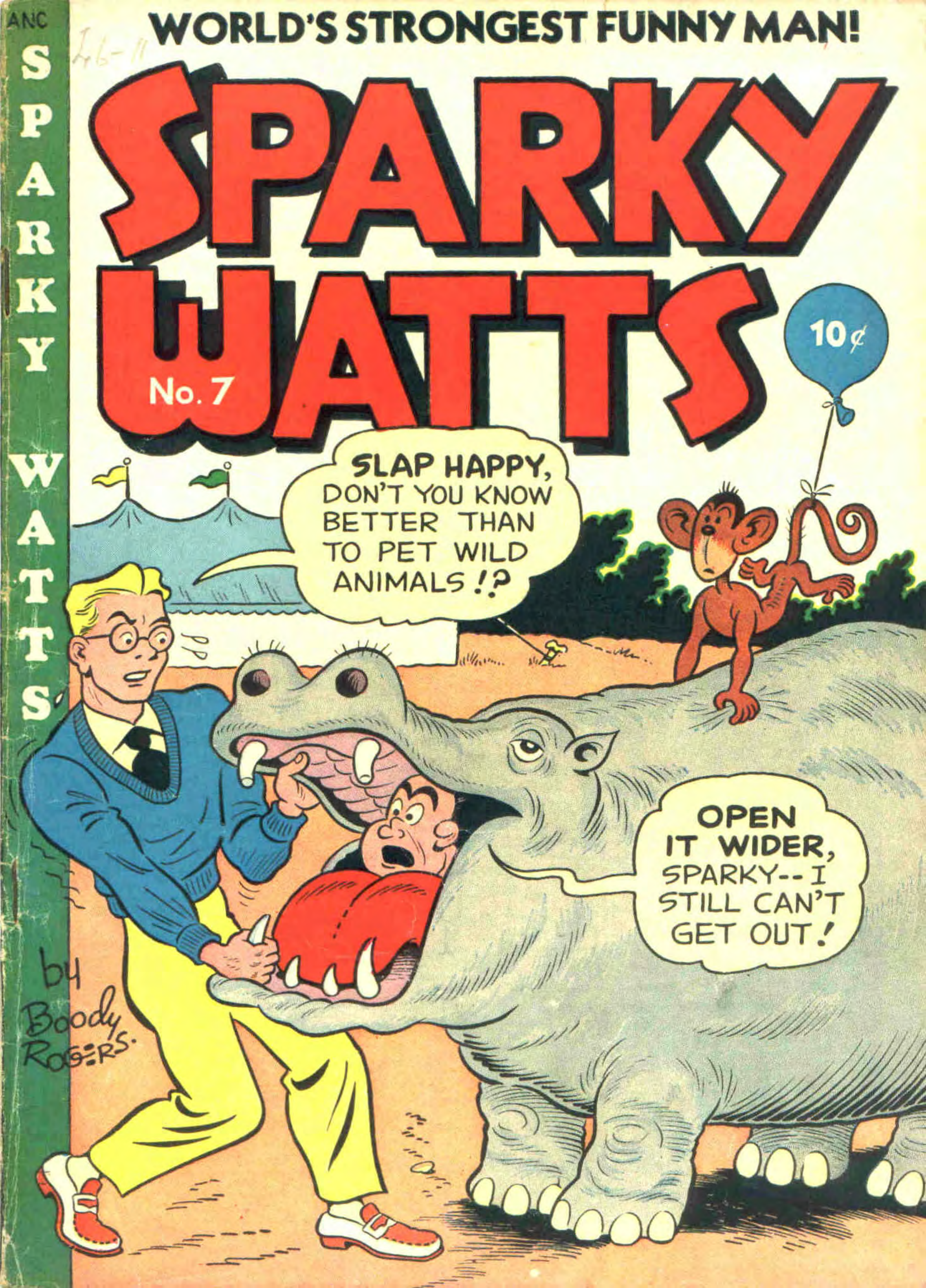
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SLAP HAPPY, DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO PET WILD ANIMALS!?
OPEN IT WIDER, SPARKY-- I STILL CAN'T GET OUT!
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SPARKY, THERE'S A MAN TO SEE YOU--AND PLEASE HURRY--HE'S GONNA WEAR OUT OUR RUG WALKING FORTH AND BACK, FORTH AND BACK !!
YOU DON'T MEAN FORTH AND BACK, SLAP HAPPY--YOU MEAN HE'S WALKING BACK AND FORTH!
NO! FORTH AND BACK IS CORRECT! A GUY HAS TO WALK FORTH BEFORE HE WALKS BACK--YOU CAN'T WALK BACK BEFORE YOU GO ANYWHERE-- --- SO ---
COME TO THINK OF IT I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! GET OUR VISITOR A ROOT BEER-- --I'LL HURRY!
SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING, SIR!
THAT'S QUITE ALLRIGHT, MR. WATTS! MY NAME IS SAMUEL A. BEANPOT, WELL KNOWN AUTHOR AND COMMENTATOR!
I'VE WRITTEN SUCH FAMOUS BOOKS AS "LITTLE ACORNS ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND THAN LARGE ACORNS," AND "PEEPING THROUGH THE KNOT-HOLE IN GRANDPA'S WOODEN LEG!"
OH, YES--WHAT DO YOU WISH TO SEE ME ABOUT?
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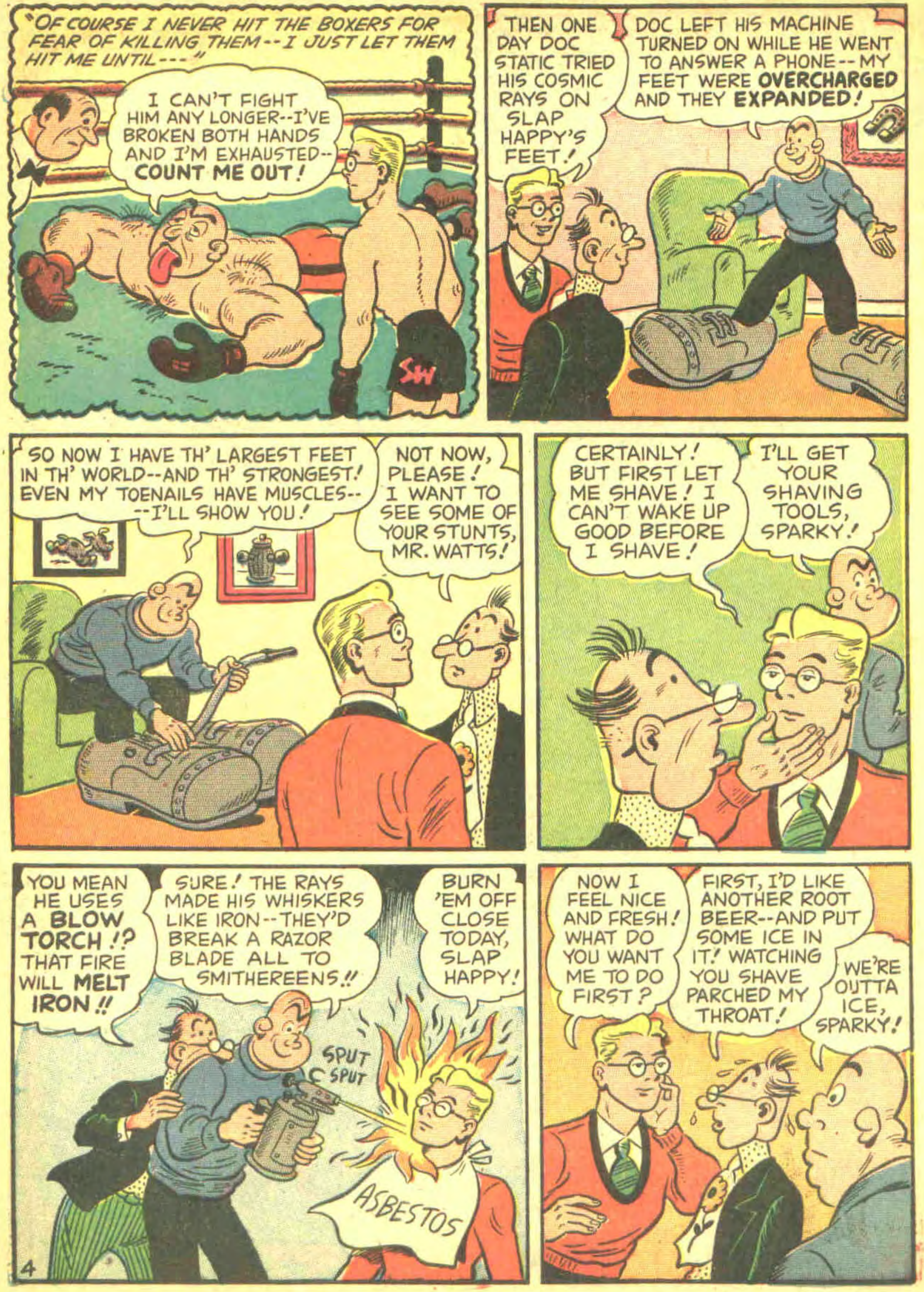
I'VE HEARD OF YOUR GREAT STRENGTH SO I'VE COME TO INTERVIEW YOU--- YOUR LIFE STORY SHOULD MAKE AN INTERESTING BOOK!
I DOUBT THAT--BUT I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP ANY WAY I CAN!

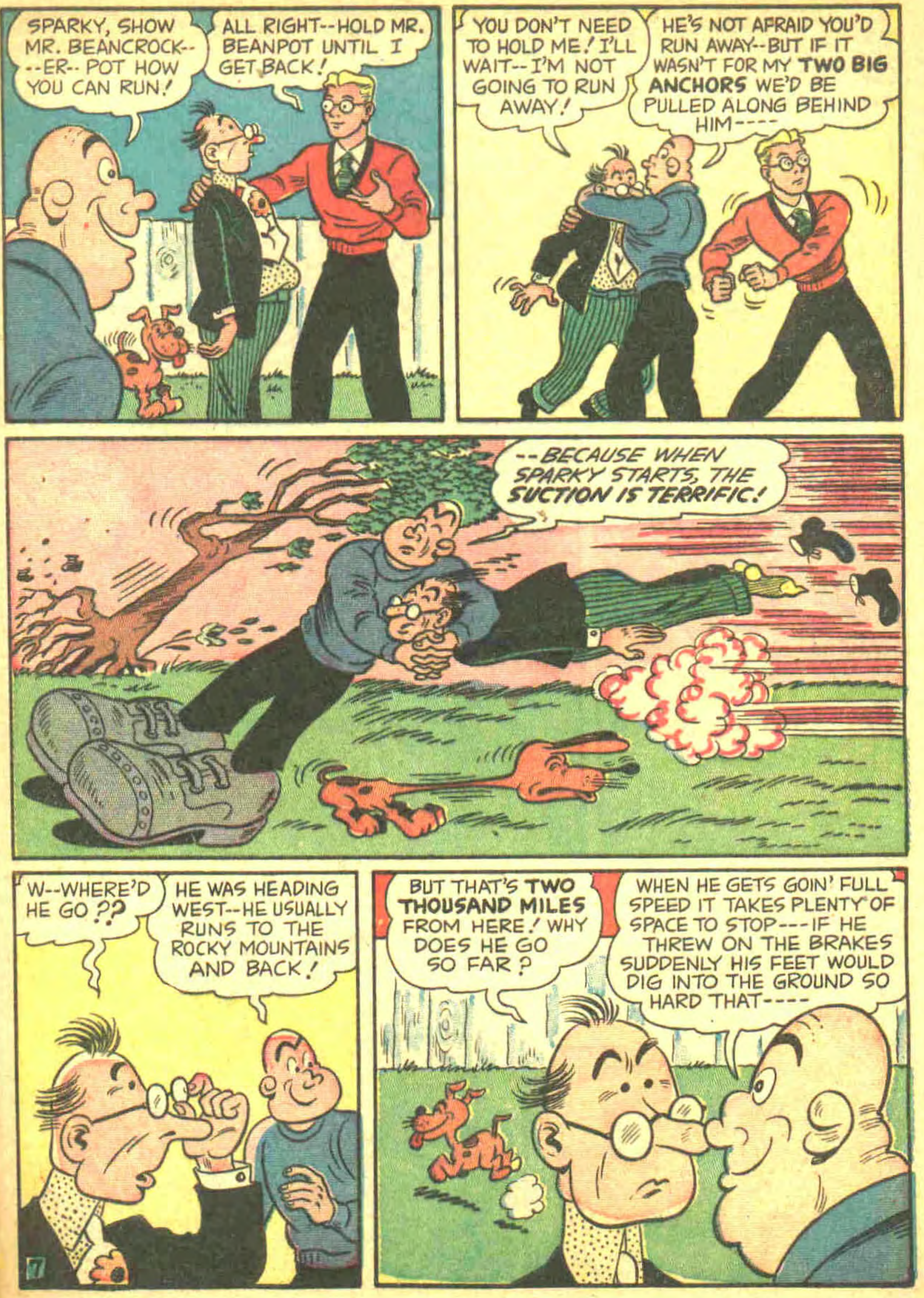
FINE! START RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING!
WELL, TO BEGIN WITH, I WAS BORN VERY YOUNG-- --THEY SAY I LOOKED JUST LIKE MY DAD--ONLY I HAD MORE HAIR!
GOO GOO!
"SOON I STARTED TO SCHOOL--- MY FIRST SWEETHEART WAS A GORGEOUS LITTLE BRUNETTE."
THANKS, OPAL, FOR CARRYING MY BOOKS!
YOU'RE WELCOME, SPARKY--I'LL CARRY THEM EVERY DAY FOR YOU!
"EVENTUALLY, I GRADUATED FROM GRADE SCHOOL, ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, AND MET A CUTE RED-HEAD."
THANKS, TABASCO, FOR CARRYING MY BOOKS!
YOU'RE WELCOME, SPARKY--I'LL CARRY THEM EVERY DAY FOR YOU!
"THEN LATER IN COLLEGE."
GEE, THANKS, PEGGY!
YOU WERE QUITE A LADY'S MAN, WEREN'T YOU!?
NOT EXACTLY, BUT I HAD TO HAVE SOMEONE TO CARRY MY BOOKS-- I WAS **SO WEAK** I COULDN'T LIFT 'EM!
"BUT FINALLY I DEVELOPED ENOUGH MUSCLE TO CARRY MY OWN BOOKS--SO I GAVE UP GIRLS, TEMPORARILY, AND GOT A JOB."
GOOD MORNING, SIR--I'M SELLING MAGAZINES!
IF YOU'LL SUBMIT TO AN EXPERIMENT, I'LL BUY ALL YOUR MAGAZINES!

I'M DOCTOR STATIC--INVENTOR OF A COSMIC RAY MACHINE THAT I BELIEVE WILL MAKE A MAN STRONGER THAN AN ELEPHANT!
THE POOR OLD MAN IS CRAZY--BUT I'LL HUMOR HIM!
SURE--I'D LIKE TO BE STRONG!
I'VE HAD THE RAY ON YOU FOR ONE MINUTE--HOW DO YOU FEEL?
JUST THE SAME, SIR--NO STRONGER, NO WEAKER!
I--I GUESS MY MACHINE IS A FAILURE--THANKS FOR LETTING ME TEST IT---- --SHAKE!
HOORAY! LOOK! IT WORKED!! WHEN YOU SHOOK MY HAND YOU BROKE ALL MY FINGERS! YIPEEE!!
SO THAT'S HOW YOU BECAME THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN! WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
TELL HIM ABOUT ME, SPARKY--I WANT TO GET WRITTEN ABOUT, TOO!
3
"SOON AFTER I WAS CHARGED WITH COSMIC RAYS I TRIED PRIZE FIGHTING--SLAP HAPPY WAS MY TRAINER."
WE'VE DONE ENOUGH RUNNING FOR ONE DAY---I'M WORN OUT BUMPIN' ALONG ON YOUR BACK!
OKAY! I'LL SPRINT THE LAST HUNDRED MILES AND THEN I'LL SPAR SIXTY OR NINETY FAST ROUNDS!


"OF COURSE I NEVER HIT THE BOXERS FOR FEAR OF KILLING THEM--I JUST LET THEM HIT ME UNTIL---"
I CAN'T FIGHT HIM ANY LONGER--I'VE BROKEN BOTH HANDS AND I'M EXHAUSTED-- COUNT ME OUT!
SW
THEN ONE DAY DOC STATIC TRIED HIS COSMIC RAYS ON SLAP HAPPY'S FEET!
DOC LEFT HIS MACHINE TURNED ON WHILE HE WENT TO ANSWER A PHONE--MY FEET WERE OVERCHARGED AND THEY EXPANDED!
SO NOW I HAVE TH' LARGEST FEET IN TH' WORLD--AND TH' STRONGEST! EVEN MY TOENAILS HAVE MUSCLES-- --I'LL SHOW YOU!
NOT NOW, PLEASE! I WANT TO SEE SOME OF YOUR STUNTS, MR. WATTS!
CERTAINLY! BUT FIRST LET ME SHAVE! I CAN'T WAKE UP GOOD BEFORE I SHAVE!
I'LL GET YOUR SHAVING TOOLS, SPARKY!
YOU MEAN HE USES A BLOW TORCH!? THAT FIRE WILL MELT IRON!!
SURE! THE RAYS MADE HIS WHISKERS LIKE IRON--THEY'D BREAK A RAZOR BLADE ALL TO SMITHEREENS!!
BURN 'EM OFF CLOSE TODAY, SLAP HAPPY!
SPUT SPUT
ASBESTOS
4
NOW I FEEL NICE AND FRESH! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FIRST?
FIRST, I'D LIKE ANOTHER ROOT BEER--AND PUT SOME ICE IN IT! WATCHING YOU SHAVE PARCHED MY THROAT!
WE'RE OUTTA ICE, SPARKY!

I'LL GET SOME WITH THIS BASEBALL --- COME OUTSIDE!
HOW CAN YOU GET ICE WITH A BASEBALL--HIT AN ICEMAN WITH IT AND HOPE IT MAKES HIM SO MAD THAT HE THROWS ICE BACK AT YOU ??
NO--I THROW IT STRAIGHT UP--IT GOES SO HIGH THAT ICE FORMS ON IT! LOOK OUT! IT'LL BE COMING DOWN ANY MINUTE!
THERE! AT LEAST FIFTY POUNDS! FIX MR. BEANPOT HIS DRINK, SLAP HAPPY!
ONE DAY SPARKY THREW A BALL UP AND GOT ICE AND TWO DUCKS--WE HAD ICED TEA AND ROAST DUCK FOR SUPPER!
WELL, TO START OFF WITH, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW EASILY I CAN LIFT YOU!
THAT'S NOTHING! I ONLY WEIGH 145--I CAN EVEN LIFT YOU AND I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE STRONG!
TRY IT!
GRUNT--SPUT!! GREAT UNCLES! YOU MUST HAVE ROCKS IN YOUR POCKETS!
HERE'S YOUR DRINK, MR. BEANPOT--AND YOU CAN'T LIFT SPARKY! HE'S SO FULL OF COSMIC RAYS THAT HE WEIGHS OVER 700 POUNDS----WITHOUT HIS GLASSES!
5
HERE'S A GOOD STUNT TO DO AT PARTIES--- LIFT YOUR OWN SELF BY THE SEAT OF YOUR TROUSERS!
WHAT BEANPOT DON'T KNOW IS THAT SPARKY IS REALLY FLYING BY WAVING HIS HANDS!

THE COSMIC RAYS HAVE ALSO GIVEN ME PERFECT MUSCULAR CONTROL-- --IT'S VERY HANDY WHILE DANCING ON A SUMMER NIGHT---
SEE, I CAN FLAP MY EARS LIKE PALM LEAF FANS-- I CAN KEEP MY PARTNER COOL WHILE SHE DANCES!
MY STARS! WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?!
OH, THAT'S JUST GOOBER, MY PUP! DOC GOT HIM A DINOSAUR BONE FROM THE MUSEUM.!!
GOOBER ALSO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE RAYS--AND WE HAVE TO WATCH HIM PRETTY CLOSE--HIS FAVORITE SPORT IS DRAGGING SOME AUTO OFF THE STREET AND BURYING IT!
SURELY YOU JEST-- I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT---
OOOW!
OH-- MY LEG.. --MY LEG!! IT'S BROKEN! WHAT HAPPENED!?
GOOBER WAGGED HIS TAIL AND IT STRUCK YOUR SHIN-- --THAT'S THE SAME AS BEING HIT BY A TEN TON TRUCK!
DON'T WORRY--IT'S ONLY A COMPOUND FRACTURE! I HAVE SO MUCH RADIO ACTIVITY IN ME THAT I CAN CURE MOST AILMENTS AND FRACTURES JUST BY MY TOUCH!
SPARKY'S A HUMAN DIATHERMY!
6
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU ONLY GOT A GLANCING BLOW-- A SOLID LICK WOULD HAVE PULVERIZED THE BONE! THERE! HOW DOES THAT FEEL?
SEEMS OKAY-- BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE SUCH A LITTLE PUPPY CAN BURY AN AUTO!


SPARKY, SHOW MR. BEANCROCK-- --ER-- POT HOW YOU CAN RUN!
ALL RIGHT--HOLD MR. BEANPOT UNTIL I GET BACK!
YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD ME! I'LL WAIT--I'M NOT GOING TO RUN AWAY!
HE'S NOT AFRAID YOU'D RUN AWAY--BUT IF IT WASN'T FOR MY **TWO BIG ANCHORS** WE'D BE PULLED ALONG BEHIND HIM----
--BECAUSE WHEN SPARKY STARTS, THE **SUCTION IS TERRIFIC!**
W--WHERE'D HE GO??
HE WAS HEADING WEST--HE USUALLY RUNS TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND BACK!
BUT THAT'S **TWO THOUSAND MILES** FROM HERE! WHY DOES HE GO SO FAR?
WHEN HE GETS GOIN' FULL SPEED IT TAKES PLENTY OF SPACE TO STOP---IF HE THREW ON THE BRAKES SUDDENLY HIS FEET WOULD DIG INTO THE GROUND SO HARD THAT----
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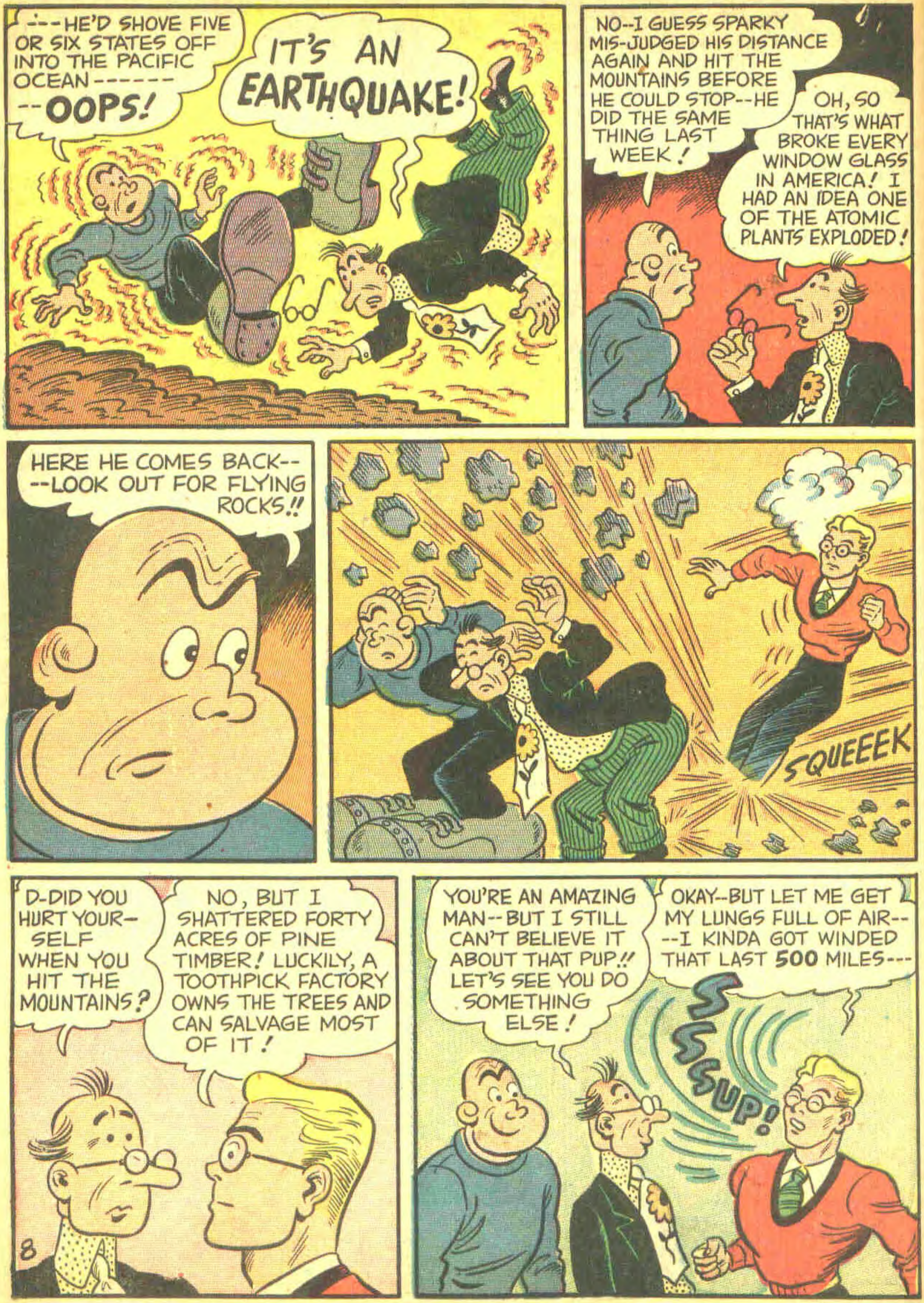
---HE'D SHOVE FIVE OR SIX STATES OFF INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN ------ --OOPS!
IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!
NO--I GUESS SPARKY MIS-JUDGED HIS DISTANCE AGAIN AND HIT THE MOUNTAINS BEFORE HE COULD STOP--HE DID THE SAME THING LAST WEEK!
OH, SO THAT'S WHAT BROKE EVERY WINDOW GLASS IN AMERICA! I HAD AN IDEA ONE OF THE ATOMIC PLANTS EXPLODED!
HERE HE COMES BACK-- --LOOK OUT FOR FLYING ROCKS!!
SQUEEEK
D-DID YOU HURT YOUR-SELF WHEN YOU HIT THE MOUNTAINS?
NO, BUT I SHATTERED FORTY ACRES OF PINE TIMBER! LUCKILY, A TOOTHPICK FACTORY OWNS THE TREES AND CAN SALVAGE MOST OF IT!
8
YOU'RE AN AMAZING MAN--BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT ABOUT THAT PUP!! LET'S SEE YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE!
OKAY--BUT LET ME GET MY LUNGS FULL OF AIR-- --I KINDA GOT WINDED THAT LAST 500 MILES---
SSSUP!

SMACK!
HEY! WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA OF PUSHING ME AGAINST SPARKY!?
I DIDN'T PUSH YOU! HE SUCKED THAT AIR IN SO HARD THAT HE PULLED YOU TO HIM!!
WELL, THAT SHOULD GIVE YOU ENOUGH IDEAS FOR THE FIRST CHAPTER OF YOUR BOOK-----OH, BROTHER! LOOK AT THAT CUTIE-PIE! EXCUSE ME FOR AN HOUR!!
WHY CERTAINLY YOU MAY CARRY MY BOOK----THANK YOU VERY MUCH
YOU'RE WELCOME, MISS-- I'D LIKE TO CARRY IT EVERY DAY FOR YOU!!
YOU MAY AS WELL GO HOME, MR. BEANJAR--WE WON'T SEE SPARKY ANYMORE TODAY------WHAT'S WRONG, MR. BEANBAG--YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SWALLOWED A GHOST!?
MY CAR--MY POOR CAR!! LOOK!!!
the end.